



**Ohio Attorney General's Office
Bureau of Criminal Investigation
Investigative Report**



2025-0513
Officer Involved Critical Incident -14000 OH-104
Chillicothe, OH 45601 (L)

Investigative Activity: Witness interview
Involves: Phillip Hicks
Activity Date: 02/20/2025
Activity Location: 28 N. Paint St., Chillicothe, OH (Ross County Sheriff's Office)
Authoring Agent: SA Aja Chung, #86

Narrative:

On Thursday, February 20, 2025, at 1117 hours, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Aja Chung (SA Chung) and SA Supervisor (SAS) Kevin Barbeau (SAS Barbeau) interviewed Phillip Hicks (Phillip), regarding the officer-involved critical incident which took place on Monday, February 17, 2025. The interview took place at the Ross County Sheriff's Office. The purpose of the interview was to obtain all relevant information of the incident known or observed by Phillip Hicks.

The interview was audio recorded, was saved to the case file and is attached to this report. Please see the attachment for further details.

Phillip said he was driving on northbound SR 104 from US 35 heading towards the Pleasant Valley area. As he was driving northbound on SR 104, he and his wife saw a deputy standing outside a police cruiser on the front driver's side, in a "full stance, like you would with a pistol." Phillip indicated his wife saw the deputy with a gun aimed at a subject. Phillip described the subject he saw as a man with "shaggy" hair, wearing a camouflage jacket and jeans standing with his hands up in the air.

Phillip explained he continued on driving thinking that the deputy had a taser aimed at the subject. Phillip indicated he continued to watch the incident from his rearview mirror as he drove further away from the church. Phillip's wife told him that she saw the subject fall. Phillip confirmed he did not see the subject fall, but he did see the subject put his hands down and walk away from the deputy.

Phillip advised once his wife said she saw he subject fall, he pulled into the middle of SR 104, near the prisons, intending to turn around and go back to see if the deputy needed help. Phillip looked in his rearview mirror and saw another police cruiser turn around and drive back towards the church parking lot. Phillip indicated since there was another police unit going to the scene, he continued on to his destination.

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Phillip said he and his wife had only spoken to Jason Sally, Jennifer Hicks' son, about what they saw.

The interview concluded at approximately 1129 hours.

SA Chung learned Phillip Hicks was driving an older model tan Chevrolet Suburban. ODOT footage was reviewed, and SA Chung observed an older model tan SUV type vehicle drive by the church driveway. SA Chung did not observe the vehicle to pull over and stop in the center median at any point in the footage. The second police cruiser to arrive to the scene was observed to pass the incident location, driving northbound on SR 104. At the point the second police cruiser turned around to head back southbound, that U-turn was not captured as it was beyond the view of the camera.

References:

None

Attachments:

1. Phillip Hicks interview